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SOURCE:

1. A report of the Socialist Unity Party (SED) Central Committee on the lessons of the Slansky trial was taken up at a meeting on 15 January 1953 of the so-called "Innenpolitik" unit, a small SED body. The official view was expressed that in the future the party should take a closer look at those members who belonged to a religious body. It is incompatible with membership in the SED to belong to such a community, whether Evangelical, Catholic, or Jewish, but membership in the Jewish community is to be held much more unwelcome than membership in other religious bodies. Strong measures will be taken against Jewish members, as against Jews everywhere. The current of Zionist nationalism, with American capital behind it, is dangerous.
2. The report, entitled "Lessons from the Proceedings against Slansky's Conspirational Group", marked the beginning of an anti-Semitic campaign called anti-Zionist. It is alleged that the Politburo of the SED has issued internal orders that Jews are to be eliminated from public and party functions, and that negotiations between the EO (state trading organization) and Jewish firms are to be broken off.

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